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TAGS: OVIP (BEKINS, CLAUDE)

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF CLAUDE BEKINS, US COMMISSIONER GENERAL
FOR SPOKANE EXPO' 74

1. CLAUDE BEKINS, COMMISSIONER GENERAL FOR SPOKANE
EXPO '74 WILL BE TRAVELLING TO EUROPE NOVEMBER 29 -
DECEMBER 15, 1974. PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF HIS TRAVEL IS TO
MAKE FINAL REPORT ON EXPO '74 TO BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL
EXPOSITIONS, PARIS. BEKINS ALSO WISHES TO VISIT US TRADE
CENTERS IN LONDON AND PARIS IN ORDER TO EVALUATE AND
COMPARE EXPERIENCES IN EXPO '74 WITH SPECIALIZED
EXHIBITIONS STAGED AT TRADE CENTERS.

2. BEKINS WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE; BY COMMISSIONER
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GENERAL OF THE US PAVILION JAMES G. CRITZER AND

MRS. CRITZER; AND BY DEPUTY COMMISSIONER GENERAL OF EXPO
'74 EDWARD SIMMONS. SIMMONS WILL ACCOMPANY PARTY ONLY FOR
LONDON AND PARIS PORTIONS OF VISIT.

3. BEKINS TRAVEL PLANS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NOMVEMBER 29

0745 - ARRIVE LONDON PA FLIGHT 106

DECEMBER 2

1100 - ATTEND OPENING LONDON TRADE CENTER EXHIBIT: HIGH
PERFORMANCE MATERIALS

1300 - LUNCH (WE UNDERSTAND TRADE CENTER DIRECTOR IS
MAKING ARRANGEMENTS)
--- AFTERNOON COURTESY CALL ON CHARGE D'AFFAIRES (TO BE
ARRANGED)

DECEMBER 3

0900 - DEPART VIA BEA 006

1100 - ARRIVE PARIS (ORLY)

1300 - LUNCH (WE UNDERSTAND MINECON MAY BE MAKING
ARRANGEMENTS)

1500 - BEKINS WOULD APPRECIATE BRIEFING AT EMBASSY FOR
HIS BIE MEETING

DECEMBER 4

REPORT TO BIE

DECEMBER 5

1000 - VISIT TO PARIS TRADE CENTER

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1300 - BEKINS WILL MAKE LUNCHEON ADDRESS TO AMERICAN CLUB

--- COURTESY CALL ON AMBASSADOR OR CHARGE IN AFTERNOON
(TO BE ARRANGED)

--- (WE UNDERSTAND MINECON MAY BE PLANNING RECEPTION IN
THE EVENING OF EITHER DECEMBER 4 OR 5)

DECEMBER 6

0830 - DEPART DEGAULLE AIRPORT FOR VIENNA AF FLIGHT 782
(BEKINS, CRITZER AND WIVES)

0905 - SIMMONS DEPARTS ORLY FOR LONDON VIA BOAC 60;
ARRIVES LONDON 0910; DEPARTS FOR WASHINGTON VIA PA 107
AT 1050.

1030- ARRIVE VIENNA

1430 - VISIT TO EAST-WEST TRADE CENTER
--- COURTESY CALL ON AMBASSADOR IN AFTERNOON (TO BE
ARRANGED)

--- REMAINDER OF TIME FREE

DECEMBER 8

1335 - DEPART VIA ALITALIA FLIGHT 257

1500 - ARRIVE ROME

DECEMBER 9

--- COURTESY CALL ON AMBASSADOR (TO BE ARRANGED)

--- REMAINDER OF TIME FREE

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1520 - ARRIVE MADRID

DECEMBER 11

--- COURTESY CALL ON AMBASSADOR (TO BE ARRANGED)

--- REMAINDER OF TIME FREE

DECEMBER 12

1620 - DEPART VIA IBERIA FLIGHT 71

1705 - ARRIVE LISBON

DECEMBER 13

--- COURTESY CALL ON AMBASSADOR (TO BE ARRANGED)

--- REMAINDER OF TIME FREE

DECEMBER 15

1405 - DEPART FOR NEW YORK PA FLIGHT 155

4. POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE ALL APPROPRIATE COURTESIES AND ESCORT OFFICERS FOR AIRPORT ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES. BEKINS WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON PRINCIPAL OFFICERS AT EACH POST.

5. AIRLINES RESERVATIONS BEING MADE BY BEKINS STAFF. EMBASSIES REQUESTED TO MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS AS FOLLOWS:
LONDON - CLARIDGE; PARIS - RITZ; VIENNA - IMPERIAL;
ROME - HASSLER; MADRID - RITZ; AND LISBON - RITZ.

6. BEKINS IS A PROMINENT SEATTLE CIVIC LEADER AND PRESIDENT OF BEKINS MOVING AND STORAGE CO. HE IS CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF STATE DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON EUROPEAN AFFAIRS AND IN 1970 SERVED AS A PUBLIC MEMBER ON FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER SELECTION BOARD FOR HIGH-RANKING OFFICERS. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF
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